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Professional Competence

What Medical Boards Do

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Role of Medical Boards

To protect the public

- Registering doctors
- Regulating medical practice in the public interest
- Setting standards and issuing guides or codes
- Investigating professional conduct, performance or health

Registration - Entry and Renewal

- Initial – Identity, Qualifications, English
- Character
- Professional Indemnity Insurance
- ? CPD

Regulating standards

- Guidance for the profession
- Advice
- “Good Medical Practice”

GMC 4 layer model of regulation

- Personal
- Team based
- Workplace – clinical governance and performance management systems
- Professional
 - Colleges and Professional Associations
 - National Regulation - GMC

International Trends in Medical Regulation

- Increasing community involvement
- Public access to information
 - About those on the register
 - About Board processes and outcomes
- Separation of Powers
- More oversight and accountability

Board investigations

- Triggers - notifications, complaints,
- Processes - disciplinary or assessment
- Outcomes - negotiated or imposed

Tensions

- Risk to the public requiring urgent action vs. need for robust, fair procedures
- Cost, scale and timing of assessment
- Collegial or adversarial processes
- Difficulty in developing remediation programs

Future Challenges

- Requirements for revalidation?
- Threshold for intervention
 - Between “not good enough” and “bad”
- Challenges to medical regulation